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Guard's 232nd Personnel Services Company returning from one year of overseas duty

Governor Doyle expected to lead "welcome home" at Volk Field

The Wisconsin Army National Guard's 232nd Personnel Services Company, Madison, is scheduled to be back in Wisconsin this week after serving nearly 14 months on active duty and almost one full year in Southwest Asia. The unit's approximately 40 soldiers were ordered to active duty Dec. 7, 2003, and deployed overseas in early February 2004. They are scheduled to return to Volk Field Thursday, Jan. 27, between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

The 232nd's soldiers will be met by their families and friends, Gov. Jim Doyle, senior National Guard officials, and the Guard's 132nd Army Band. Following an initial reunion with their families and a brief official "welcome home," the soldiers will travel to nearby Fort McCoy to begin about five days of demobilization processing.

While in Southwest Asia, the 232nd's soldiers were based in Kuwait and Qatar where they processed thousands of personnel records for U.S. Army forces moving in and out of the Operation Iraqi Freedom area of operations.

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Following redeployment of the 232nd Personnel Services Company, the Wisconsin Guard will still have about 1,700 soldiers and airmen on active duty. Of those, approximately 1,330 are currently deployed overseas.

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NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: News media are welcome to cover the return of the 232nd Personnel Services Company Thursday. The unit's flight is currently scheduled to arrive at Volk Field between 11:30 a.m. and noon on Thursday, January 27.

Following the aircraft's arrival, soldiers and their families will have about an hour together before the soldiers are bused to Fort McCoy to begin demobilization processing. It is not yet known exactly when they will return to their Madison armory before being released from active duty.

News media organizations wishing to cover the Volk Field arrival must call Lt. Col. Tim Donovan (608-242-3050 or Cell 608-516-1777) so arrangements can be made for access to the military installation. News media organizations will not be permitted on the base unless arrangements have been made in advance.

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